

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following additional remarks which have addressed all the issues raised in the October 30, 2006, Office Action or otherwise have rendered them moot.

Claim 38 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected independent claim but would be otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the independent claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have done just that and respectfully ask the Examiner to send the application to issue. Applicants have elected to pursue all or some of the remaining claims in a continuation application to be filed later.

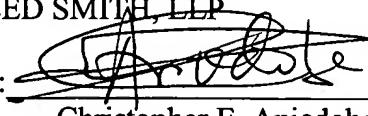
CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds for rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn and the claims allowed to issue. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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